## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Telecommunications Coordinators

FROM:

Frank Cavallaro, Manager F.C.

Bureau of Communications and Computer Services

DATE:

June 18, 2001

SUBJECT:

Introduction of Nextel Wireless Phone Service

CMS, Division of Telecommunications, is pleased to announce the availability of Nextel services as a new wireless service provider. The attached map identifies Illinois areas covered by Nextel.

Nextel provides customers with a unique, all digital two-way-radio service called Direct Connect® that allows users to instantly talk with one or multiple co-workers. Nextel service can be ideal for those agencies that have groups of users that repeatedly talk to one another over their wireless phones. Additionally, Nextel supports digital cellular calling capabilities including 3-way calling, call-waiting, call-holding, and call-forwarding. Optional features also include voice mail, caller ID, and text/numeric messaging.

It is important to note that coverage limitations do exist and that roaming on other carrier networks is not supported. For more information about pricing, coverage, and functionality, please contact Lindsay Harris at (217) 557-1652 or Tracie Cook at (217) 557-3304.

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Attachment

